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## House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 118th Congress of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Cheryl L. Johnson.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, You spoke and the Earth brought forth life. With a word, Your spirit breathed into humanity the essence and purpose of our very being. Speak to us now, O Lord, and breathe into the body of the 118th Congress Your word of truth and justice, compassion, and wisdom.

Give each Member the guidance to be faithful stewards of this divine tasking, and to wield this privilege carefully. Even as You grant us the favor to serve You in this place, remind us that amidst all the debate, You will always have the final word.

Your word is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. Divide then our souls and spirits. Discern our thoughts and the intentions of our hearts and may they be acceptable to You.

Lay on the shoulders of these men and women the mantle of both responsibility and accountability. Nothing is hidden from Your sight and each will always answer to You.

Call these who represent the hopes and dreams of the Americans who have voted them into office to heed first Your voice. As they uphold and defend the Constitution and its moral principles, grant them strength and reason, purpose and insight.

Bring this 118th Congress to life, and breathe on us the creative work of

Your Holy Spirit. Give us eyes to see Your guiding hand, ears to hear Your wise truth, and hearts to hold firmly to the faith we profess in You.

We pray this in Your sovereign name.  
Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representatives-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The CLERK. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 118th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House. The names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accord with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

Representatives-elect will have a minimum of 15 minutes to record their presence by electronic vote.

Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in the Speaker's lobby.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

[ANSWERED PRESENT—434]

### ALABAMA

Aderholt	Palmer	Strong
Carl	Rogers (AL)	
Moore (AL)	Sewell	

### ALASKA

Peltola

### ARIZONA

Biggs	Gallego	Lesko
Ciscomani	Gosar	Schweikert
Crane	Grijalva	Stanton

### ARKANSAS

Crawford	Westerman
Hill	Womack

### CALIFORNIA

Aguilar	Huffman	Panetta
Barragan	Issa	Pelosi
Bera	Jacobs	Peters
Brownley	Kamlager-Dove	Porter
Calvert	Khanna	Ruiz
Carbajal	Kiley	Sánchez
Cárdenas	Kim (CA)	Schiff
Chu	LaMalfa	Sherman
Correa	Lee (CA)	Steel
Costa	Levin	Swalwell
DeSaulnier	Lieu	Takano
Duarte	Lofgren	Thompson (CA)
Eshoo	Matsui	Torres (CA)
Garamendi	McCarthy	Valadao
Garcia, Mike	McClintock	Vargas
Garcia, Robert	Mullin	Waters
Gomez	Napolitano	
Harder (CA)	Obernolte	

### COLORADO

Boebert	Crow	Neguse
Buck	DeGette	Petterson
Caraveo	Lamborn	

### CONNECTICUT

Courtney	Hayes	Larson (CT)
DeLauro	Himes	

### DELAWARE

Blunt Rochester

### FLORIDA

Bean (FL)	Cherfilus-	Franklin, C.
Bilirakis	McCormick	Scott
Buchanan	Diaz-Balart	Frost
Cammack	Donalds	Gaetz
Castor (FL)	Dunn (FL)	Gimenez
	Frankel, Lois	Lee (FL)

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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Luna  
Mast  
Mills  
Moskowitz  
Posey

Rutherford  
Salazar  
Soto  
Steube  
Waltz

Wasserman  
Schultz  
Webster (FL)  
Wilson (FL)

Kuster

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Pappas

Beyer  
Cline  
Connolly  
Good (VA)

#### VIRGINIA

Griffith  
Kiggans (VA)  
Scott (VA)  
Spanberger

#### WASHINGTON

DelBene  
Jayapal  
Kilmer  
Larsen (WA)  
Newhouse  
Perez  
Rodgers (WA)  
Schrier  
Smith (WA)  
Strickland

#### WEST VIRGINIA

Miller (WV)

Mooney

#### WISCONSIN

Fitzgerald  
Gallagher  
Grothman  
Moore (WI)  
Pocan  
Steil  
Tiffany  
Van Orden

#### WYOMING

Hageman

□ 1230

The CLERK. Four hundred thirty-four Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. Credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of:

The Honorable JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2021;

The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia;

The Honorable JAMES C. MOYLAN as Delegate from Guam;

The Honorable STACEY E. PLASKETT as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;

The Honorable AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN as Delegate from American Samoa; and

The Honorable GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN as Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. The Clerk will state that since the last regular election of Representatives to the 118th Congress, a vacancy now exists in the Fourth District of the Commonwealth of Virginia, occasioned by the death of the late Honorable A. Donald McEachin.

#### ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 118th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK).

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Clerk, on behalf of the House Republican Conference, I rise today to nominate the gentleman from California, KEVIN MCCARTHY, as Speaker of the House to lead America's new Republican majority.

Allen  
Bishop (GA)  
Carter (GA)  
Clyde  
Collins

#### GEORGIA

Ferguson  
Greene (GA)  
Johnson (GA)  
Loudermilk  
McBath

McCormick  
Scott, Austin  
Scott, David  
Williams (GA)

Gottheimer  
Kean (NJ)  
Kim (NJ)  
Menendez

#### NEW JERSEY

Norcross  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Payne

Sherrill  
Smith (NJ)  
Van Drew  
Watson Coleman

#### NEW MEXICO

Leger Fernandez

Stansbury

Vasquez

#### NEW YORK

Bowman  
Clarke (NY)  
D'Esposito  
Espaillat  
Garbarino  
Goldman (NY)  
Higgins (NY)  
Jeffries  
LaLota

Langworthy  
Lawler  
Malliotakis  
Meeks  
Meng  
Molinaro  
Morelle  
Nadler  
Ocasio-Cortez

Ryan  
Santos  
Stefanik  
Tenney  
Tonko  
Torres (NY)  
Velázquez  
Williams (NY)

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Adams  
Bishop (NC)  
Davis (NC)  
Edwards  
Foushee

Foxx  
Hudson  
Jackson (NC)  
Manning  
McHenry

Murphy  
Nickel  
Ross  
Rouzer

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Armstrong

#### OHIO

Balderson  
Beatty  
Brown  
Carey  
Davidson

Johnson (OH)  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Kaptur  
Landsman

Latta  
Miller (OH)  
Sykes  
Turner  
Wenstrup

#### OKLAHOMA

Bice  
Brecheen

Cole  
Hern

Lucas

#### OREGON

Bentz  
Blumenauer

Bonamici  
Chavez-DeRemer

Hoyle (OR)  
Salinas

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Boyle (PA)  
Cartwright  
Dean (PA)  
Deluzio  
Evans  
Fitzpatrick

Houlahan  
Joyce (PA)  
Kelly (PA)  
Lee (PA)  
Meuser  
Perry

Reschenthaler  
Scanlon  
Smucker  
Thompson (PA)  
Wild

#### RHODE ISLAND

Magaziner

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

Clyburn  
Duncan  
Fry

Mace  
Norman  
Timmons

Wilson (SC)

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Johnson (SD)

#### TENNESSEE

Burchett  
Cohen  
DesJarlais

Fleischmann  
Green (TN)  
Harshbarger

Kustoff  
Ogles  
Rose

#### TEXAS

Allred  
Arrington  
Babin  
Burgess  
Carter (TX)  
Casar  
Castro (TX)  
Cloud  
Crenshaw  
Crockett  
Cuellar  
De La Cruz  
Doggett

Ellzey  
Escobar  
Fallon  
Fletcher  
Garcia (TX)  
Gonzales, Tony  
Gonzalez, Vicente  
Gooden (TX)  
Granger  
Green (TX)  
Hunt  
Jackson (TX)

Jackson Lee  
Luttrell  
McCaull  
Moran  
Nehls  
Pfluger  
Roy  
Self  
Sessions  
Van Duyne  
Veasey  
Weber (TX)  
Williams (TX)

#### UTAH

Curtis  
Moore (UT)

Owens  
Stewart

#### VERMONT

Balint

Case

Tokuda

#### IDAHO

Fulcher

Simpson

#### ILLINOIS

Bost  
Budzinski  
Casten  
Davis (IL)  
Foster  
Garcia (IL)

Jackson (IL)  
Kelly (IL)  
Krishnamoorthi  
LaHood  
Miller (IL)  
Quigley

Ramirez  
Schakowsky  
Schneider  
Sorensen  
Underwood

#### INDIANA

Baird  
Banks  
Bucshon

Carson  
Houchin  
Mrvan

Pence  
Spartz  
Yakym

#### IOWA

Feenstra  
Hinson

Miller-Meeke  
Nunn (IA)

#### KANSAS

Davids (KS)  
Estes

LaTurner  
Mann

#### KENTUCKY

Barr  
Comer

Guthrie  
Massie

McGarvey  
Rogers (KY)

#### LOUISIANA

Carter (LA)  
Graves (LA)

Higgins (LA)  
Johnson (LA)

Letlow  
Scalise

#### MAINE

Golden (ME)

Pingree

#### MARYLAND

Harris  
Hoyer  
Ivey

Mfume  
Raskin  
Ruppersberger

Sarbanes  
Trone

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Auchincloss  
Clark (MA)  
Keating

Lynch  
McGovern  
Moulton

Neal  
Pressley  
Trahan

#### MICHIGAN

Bergman  
Dingell  
Huizenga  
James  
Kildee

McClain  
Moolenaar  
Scholten  
Slotkin  
Stevens

Thanedar  
Tlaib  
Walberg

#### MINNESOTA

Craig  
Emmer  
Finstad

Fischbach  
McCollum  
Omar

Phillips  
Stauber

#### MISSISSIPPI

Ezell  
Guest

Kelly (MS)  
Thompson (MS)

#### MISSOURI

Alford  
Burlison  
Bush

Cleaver  
Graves (MO)  
Luetkemeyer

Smith (MO)  
Wagner

#### MONTANA

Rosendale

Zinke

#### NEBRASKA

Bacon

Flood

Smith (NE)

#### NEVADA

Amodei  
Horsford

Lee (NV)  
Titus